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Michel ARTHUR, et al.)

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For: POLYPEPTIDES IMPLICATED IN THE EXPRESSION OF RESISTANCE TO
GLYCOPEPTIDES, IN PARTICULAR IN GRAM-POSITIVE BACTERIA,
NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE CODING FOR THESE POLYPEPTIDES AND
USE FOR DIAGNOSIS

DECLARATION CONCERNING INVENTORSHIP
BY INVENTORS

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

We, Michel Arthur, Sylvie Dukta-Malen, Patrice Courvalin and Catherine Molinas do hereby declare as follows :

[1] That we have read and understood the specification and claims of the subject application entitled "polypeptides implicated in the expression of resistance to glycopeptides, in particular in gram-positive bacteria, nucleotide sequence coding for these polypeptides and use for diagnosis", the Declaration of which was executed in December 28, 1993 ;

[2] That three inventors, namely Sylvie Dukta-Malen, Patrice Courvalin and Catherine Molinas, were listed as co-authors of the paper entitled "Cloning and Heterospecific Expression of the Resistance Determinant vanA Encoding High-Level Resistance to Glycopeptides in Enterococcus faecium BM4147", Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy, May 1990, p. 924-927.

[3] That besides the inventors listed in paragraph [2], Michel Arthur is also a joint-inventor of the subject application.

[4] That Anne Brisson-Noël and Roland Leclercq, the other authors of the publication identified in paragraph [2] above merely carried out assignments and worked under the supervision and control of one or all of the inventors of the subject application and/or was listed as a co-author in order to receive credit for having collaborated in the research program under the direction and control of the four inventors; and

[5] That only Michel Arthur, Sylvie Dukta-Malen, Patrice Courvalin and Catherine Molinas are the true inventors of the subject application.


[5] We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true ; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issued thereon.


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